

**REMARKS**

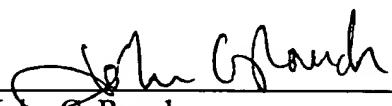
In the Notification of Transmittal of the International Search Report mailed on 24 August 1999, it was noted that the text of the Abstract of the application had been established by the Searching Authority according to Rule 38.2(b). In Box III, it was further noted that the technical features mentioned in the Abstract as established by the Searching Authority do not include a reference sign within parentheses as required by PCT Rule 8.1(d). Applicants were invited to submit comments.

Accordingly, amendment of the Abstract is respectfully requested. By this amendment, the Abstract is modified slightly to recite the elements of the analyzer/classifier tool (100) as described in the application and as illustrated in FIG. 1. No new matter is added by this amendment.

With this amendment, the application is in condition for further action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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